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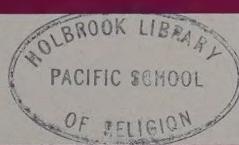
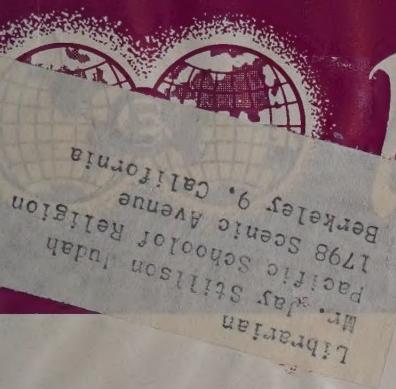
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Endeavorers Plan Chapel for Camp in North Carolina

Washington, D.C., to be Scene
of Citizenship Convocation



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Mrs. Garland Troxler (left) presents a sketch of a proposed chapel for the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Camp, now under construction, to Lucy Ashley, president of the state union.

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Coming to You by Way of The General Secretary



Citizenship Contest Clicks

● More girls and boys entered the fifth Citizenship Contest of International Society than any of the previous ones. An unusual interest was shown in the endeavor this year, according to Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director. Scores of judges have and are taking part in the local, regional, and International finals of the contest. Winners will be announced in the May issue of *The World*.

Thank You

● Leaders are grateful to the host of Christian Endeavorers and friends who made possible the success of the 1956 Membership Mobilization. We salute Harold E. Westerhoff, the director of Mobilization, the union chairmen and others who worked in the annual campaign. Everyone is also very grateful to the societies and unions for enrollments that have made. It is still possible for individuals and groups not yet enrolled to do so.

For Your Information

● Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart begins the writing of comments on the Senior Young People's Christian Endeavor topics with this issue of *The World*. We welcome our new writer.—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal of Freedoms Foundation for the address that he made on the subject, "Unity—Freedom's Irreducible Minimum."—Rev. Ernest H. Watson, former president of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union, and his wife, arrived in the United States March 10 and are visiting many Christian Endeavor groups in North America.—Rev. T. Melville Bailey of Hamilton, Ontario, is the new field secretary of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Union.—Dr. William W. McKinney of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and Christina E. MacAskill of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, are the writers of the *Program Guides* for Christian Endeavor societies which will come off the press shortly. Dr. McKinney is author of the *Senior-Young People's* edition and Miss MacAskill of the one for *Intermediates*. Advance orders are being taken for these most useful planning books by the Publication Department of International Society.

Introduce Your Friend

● As you would introduce a good friend of yours to another, why not tell your friends about *The Christian Endeavor World*? If this journal is helpful to you, why not inform others so that they too may get the benefit it can bring? Sample copies may be secured by writing to *The Christian Endeavor World*, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Many societies are finding it helpful to secure copies for all of their members. A greatly reduced price is given when the magazine is sent to one address.

Jene Stone

Citizenship Convocation Scheduled For Nation's Capital June 29-July 1

A CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONVOCATION will be held in Washington, D. C., June 29-July 1.

This youth activity, under the sponsorship of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, has been announced by Robert C. Ross, Citizenship Director of Christian Endeavor.

Many young people have already signed-up for the event. There will be outstanding speakers and places of historic and spiritual significance that will be visited.

The two top winners in the annual Citizenship Contest will be sent to the Convocation with all their expenses paid. Beside this, these winners will each receive \$200 in cash. All the state, provincial, regional, and International contest victors will be honored at a special Citizenship Rally which will be held Saturday evening, June 30, in the National City Christian Church.

The Burlington Hotel will be headquarters. Olinda Dormaier, 2604 Tunlaw Road, N.W., Apt. 2, Washington 7, D. C., is registrar for the Convocation. Total cost, including meals and hotel accommodations and the Convocation fee, is \$25. A \$5 payment on this is to be made when the registration is sent in. (A form is one page 7.)

Burlington Hotel Headquarters

The Convocation will begin Friday, June 29, with a Youth Assembly dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Burlington Hotel. There will be introduction of delegates and guests and an address on Christian citizenship. In the evening there will be a visit to the Library of Congress and a special sight-seeing tour of Washington.

Saturday, June 30, following a Quiet Hour and Seminar, youth will tour the White House, the Supreme Court Building, and attend a session of Congress. Saturday afternoon's schedule includes a visit to the National Gallery of Art and the Archives building where Endeavorers will see the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Significant scientific and historic displays will be seen at the Smithsonian Institute. The tour group will go to Arlington Cemetery to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Saturday evening's program consists of a Convocation banquet at the hotel followed by the rally at the National City Christian Church.

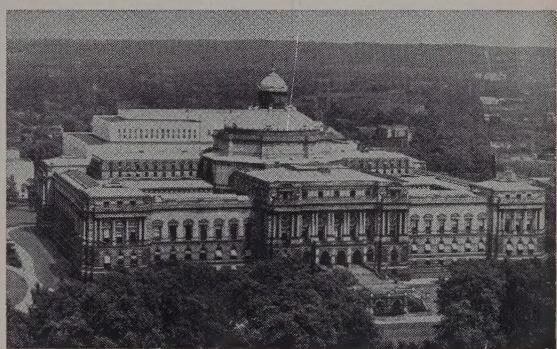
Quiet Hour On Lincoln Memorial Steps

Breakfast at the Burlington Hotel will begin the activities of Sunday, July 1. A Quiet Hour service has been arranged on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 8:30. Youth will attend the service of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, which is the church that Abraham Lincoln attended. There will be a luncheon at the hotel followed by an address and a dedication service, with the Convocation coming to a close at 2 P.M.

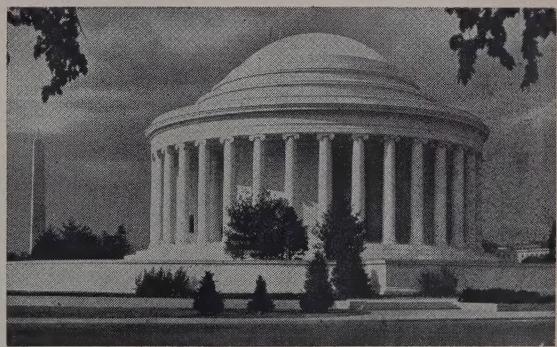
This is the second Citizenship Convocation that has been conducted by Christian Endeavor in Washington. The first was held in 1952 when Endeavorers met the President of the United States and visited many scenes in the nation's capital.



Lincoln Memorial

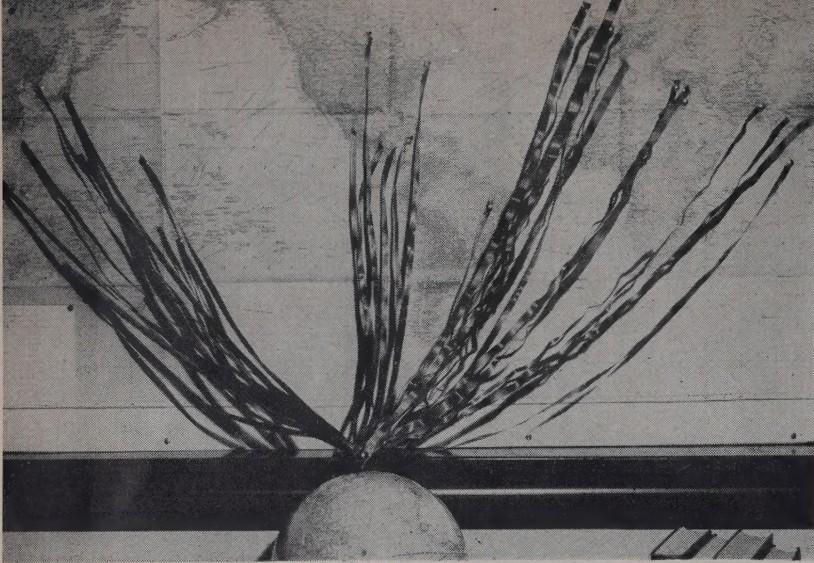


Library of Congress



Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial

**Contest Winners
To Be Honored
At Washington**



FROM PORTLAND TO THE FAR CORNERS OF THE WORLD
An exhibit in the Clark Room of the Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, gives graphic demonstration of the spread of Christian Endeavor from its birthplace to nearly all parts of the world. The World's Christian Endeavor Union today is composed of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, which takes in thousands of societies in churches in North America, and nearly fifty national unions.

THE SINGING of "Happy Birthday" to Christian Endeavor this year had added significance as youth around the world observed the Diamond Jubilee of the movement.

Services of dedication were conducted in thousands of societies when young people signed or re-signed the Christian Endeavor pledge and made other commitments.

Banquets, radio and television programs were among the activities marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor by Dr. Francis E. Clark in Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, February 2, 1881.

Arkansas

Young people participated in an anniversary service in First Christian Church, Mena, Arkansas, February 5 with the pastor, Rev. Tom Moore, giving an introductory message. Among longtimers present were Lytle Smith, 51 years in Christian Endeavor; Mrs. John G. Peters, 50 years; and John G. Peters, 44 years.

Delaware

The jubilee dinner of the Delaware Union was held in Peninsula Methodist Church, Wilmington, January 30. More than 160 were present when the pageant, "This Is Christian Endeavor," was presented. Mrs. Emma Huey Neutz was toastmaster.

Golden Rule

Golden Rule Union had more than 250 at their Jubilee Banquet February 3 when Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, former vice-president, International Christian Endeavor, gave the message. Rev. A. Joseph Edwards of Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., was toastmaster. Cenzo Miles, president, gave introductions.

Illinois

More than 900 attended the Jubilee Rally of Chicago Union February 5 when President Earle W. Gates of International Society was the speaker. Sangamon County held a birthday party and rally. An hour radio broadcast

and banquet were highlights of Vermilion County. Peoria County marked the anniversary with a fifteen-minute radio broadcast and banquet with 175 in attendance.

Indiana

Dr. Robert W. Rash, general secretary, Christian Education, United Brethren in Christ, spoke on the theme, "Christ Shall Reign," at rally in the United Brethren Church, Decatur, Indiana, January 29. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, spoke at Northeast Indiana Union banquet at Huntington College



CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY—Youth leaders and alumni attend open house in Houston, Texas, January 29. Shown (left to right) are Carole Carpenter, secretary, Harris County Union; Billy Dick Phillips, president, Harris County Union; and Nelda Thomas, first vice-president, Texas Union.



Carroll M.
Wright



Philip F.
Chapman, Jr.



Roland
Blodgett

Carroll M. Wright, former executive secretary of International Society, speaks at banquet in Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, marking the 75th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor at its birthplace. Mr. Chapman, state senator in Maine and chairman for the local Williston celebration, serves as toastmaster. Mr. Blodgett, vice-president of International Society in charge of North Atlantic Region, looks down on his notes as he introduces guests at banquet conducted February 4.

Diamond Jubilee Marked With Many Significant Services and Projects

January 30. Marcus Burkholder was toastmaster. Hazel Steager was elected president of the organization.

Kansas

Mayor Claude DeVorss proclaimed Christian Endeavor Week in Wichita. A banquet of South Central District of Kansas was held in University Friends Church Tuesday, January 31, with Rev. John Greenlee, minister of West Side Christian Church, Wichita, as speaker. Rev. Allen Bowman, president, Kansas Union, presided.

Kentucky

Rev. Carmen Albright addressed the rally of Gateway Union at Cane Run General Baptist Church, Louisville, January 31.

Maryland

Baltimore City held its Diamond Jubilee celebration at Arlington Presbyterian Church February 10. Burkittsville Lutheran Church was host to Frederick County Endeavorers February 3. Rev. Ernest Baker spoke. A rally attended by 174 Endeavorers was held in Grace E.U.B. Church, Hagerstown, February 2.

Massachusetts

Lieutenant Governor Sumner G. Whittier spoke at the anniversary banquet at Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Worcester, January 28. Christina MacAskill was chairman. Rev. Walter Lee Bailey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winchester, was the speaker at the rally in Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, February 5.

Michigan

Ernest S. Marks, former extension secretary of International Society, spoke at the Diamond Jubilee anniversary at the Armenian Congregational Church, Detroit, February 5. Greetings were brought by Rev. G. Diran Minasian, field secretary of New York State. Rev. Edward S. Tovmassian is pastor of the church.

ROANOKE YOUTH MARK BIRTHDAY

Leaders who took part in anniversary banquet at Virginia city January 30 are (left to right) Geraldine Ludwick, president, Roanoke Union; Winton Shelor, toastmaster; Mrs. Lillian Shelor; Bertha Starritt, speaker and former vice-president of Virginia Union; Joann Campbell, program chairman; and Phyllis Link, vice-president.



Youth Face Challenge for Bright Future

New Mexico

A birthday banquet was held at First Christian Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 26, with Mrs. H. V. Logan as speaker. The four societies of the church held special services February 5. Rev. A. L. Althaus is pastor. Christ's Church, New Mexico, of which Rev. Leroy B. Mills is pastor, held an anniversary banquet February 3.

North Carolina

North Carolina Union conducted a series of seven television programs over WFMY-TV, Greensboro, during Christian Endeavor Week and held a Diamond Jubilee banquet.

Ohio

Mayor Maynard E. Sensenbrenner of Columbus, Ohio, issued a proclamation on Christian Endeavor Week. Mayor Sensenbrenner spoke to more than 300 Endeavorers at an anniversary rally in Canton, Ohio, February 5.

Franklin County Union staged a banquet in East Columbus Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, February 3, with Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur as toastmaster and Rev. Al Heinz as song leader. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., Dayton, was speaker at a rally of Franklin County February 5.

More than 400 attended the banquet of Tuscarawas County held at the Moravian Church, Gnadenhutten, Ohio. Dr. Orris Haul-



TELLING THE WORLD—Garry Zavitz (left) and Willard Storm, members of senior society at Sherkston, Ontario, attach bumper stickers to auto advertising Diamond Jubilee activities.

man of Akron was speaker, with Rev. Clarence Higgins of Stone Creek as toastmaster.

Ontario

Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, vice-president, International Society, in charge of Canadian Region, was the speaker at the anniversary rally of Hamilton Union held in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, January 28.

A Jubilee Rally of Lambton County was held at Sarnia, Ontario, January 29 with Jim Laing, former president of Ontario Union, as speaker.

Pennsylvania

St. David's Church and St. Bartholomew's Church of Hanover, conducted special Christian Endeavor Week services. Among speakers were Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Dr. Raymond M. Veh, E. Herman Brackbill, Dr. Lowell Hazzard, Dr. Dwight Putman, Rev. Jacob Zepp, Rev. Harney G. Schlichter, Rev. Porter W. Seiwell, and Rev. Oscar E. Freeman.

Perkiomen Branch of Christian Endeavor held a banquet at the Schwenkfelder Church, Palm, February 4 with Rev. Nevin E. Shellenberger as speaker.

Arch McQuilkin was toastmaster for the jubilee banquet of Schuylkill Branch (Philadelphia, Pa.) Union held at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, February 4. Dr. Russell Jones of Bloomfield, New Jersey, was speaker with B. McClain Cochran as song leader.

More than 200 Endeavorers heard Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society, at the banquet of Erie County (Pa.) Christian Endeavor Union January 28. A broadcast was given over Station WERC.

Chester County Union held a jubilee rally January 29 in the Presbyterian Church, Coatesville, when Dr. Norman W. Paullin, professor, Eastern Baptist Seminary, spoke, with Arch J. McQuilkin presiding. Greetings were brought by E. Herman Brackbill, president, Pennsylvania Union.

Tennessee

Smoky Mountain District held its Diamond Jubilee banquet January 30 in Knoxville. Rev. Alvand Williams, minister of Lily Dale Christian Church, Erwin, Tennessee, spoke.

Texas

Honorable Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas, issued special greetings for the ob-



GIVEN HONORS—Mary Kay Patterson and Don Hartley were crowned Christian Service King and Queen at Smorgasbord for Diamond Jubilee in Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington, January 31.

servance of Christian Endeavor Week. Dallas District Union staged its birthday banquet at Pleasant Grove Christian Church. Billy Dick Phillips, president, Harris County Union, was toastmaster. A play, "Through the Years," was presented.

Virginia

Rev. Paul W. Hoffman of West End Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, Virginia, addressed the Diamond Jubilee banquet of Richmond Union February 3.

Washington

Rev. John Klebe, field secretary, Washington State, spoke at the banquet in the First Reformed Church of Yakima, Washington, February 4.

C. E. Conferences And Conventions

APRIL

19-22—Oregon, Salem
21, 22—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake (Conclave)
27-29—Kansas, Emporia

MAY

4-6—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Wilmington, Delaware
24-27—New York, Watervliet

Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

International Society is happy to present a list of societies and unions who have officially become members of International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support they have made during the Membership Mobilization for 1956. Special certificates have been given to these organizations. The societies and unions are listed as those receiving gold seals (having given \$50 or more), red seals

(having contributed \$25), and blue seals (having given \$10). These hereby named alphabetically according to states are those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts in January and February. Other societies and unions may make their enrollment in the International Society and will be listed in a future publication. Details may be secured on the back page of this issue of *The World*.

Gold Seal

Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dover, Pa.
First Reformed Church, Cedar Grove, Wis.

Red Seal

Adult, First Presbyterian Church, Fillmore, Calif.
District of Columbia Alumni Fellowship, Washington, D. C.
Senior, Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Ill.
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Ill.
American Reformed Church, Orange City, Ia.
Greenleafton Reformed Church, Preston, Minn.
Union Evangelical Church of Corona, Flushing, N. Y.
Senior, Reformed Protestant Dutch Chuch, Kingston, N. Y.
Pleasant Hill Christian Congregational Church, Liberty, N. C.
Mt. Alto Sanatorium, South Mountain, Pa.
Prospect United Church, Prospect, Pa.
Texas Christian Endeavor Union, Dallas, Tex.

Blue Seal

High School, Wylam Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Young Leaders, Wylam Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Junior High, First Presbyterian Church, Fillmore, Calif.
Intermediate, Hillside Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo.
Junior High, East Side Christian Church, Denver, Colo.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Del.
Capital View Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
Golden Rule Union, Washington, D. C.
Bagby Society, Columbia Heights Christian Church, Washington, D. C.
Minnesota Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C.
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
Senior, Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D. C.
Young People's, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D. C.

Senior, Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

True Light Bible School, Punta Gorda, Florida.

Honolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii. Territory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Kanaana Hou Society, Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii.

Baileyville Reformed Church, Baileyville, Ill.

Intermediate, Bethany Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill.

Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Danforth Reformed Church, Danforth, Ill.

Alumni Association of Vermillion County, Danville, Ill.

Christian Church, Herrin, Ill.

Junior, Rock Falls Christian Church, Rock Falls, Ill.

Alsip Reformed Church, Tinley Park, Ill.

Junior, Howell General Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.

Junior, Southside Christian Church, Hammond, Ind.

Fairlawn United Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind.

General Baptist Church, Oakland City, Ind.

Junior, First Christian Church, Sheridan, Ind.

Junior, Chestereld Church of Christ, Des Moines, Ia.

First Reformed Church, Hull, Ia.

Ebenezer Reformed Church, Leighton, Ia.

Otley Society, Monroe, Ia.

Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, Ia.

Junior, Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, Ia.

Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, Ia.

Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Ia.

Senior, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldon, Ia.

Cumberland United Brethren Church, Gem, Kan.

Adult, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Parsons, Kan.

Intermediate, Annville Reformed Church, Annville, Ky.

Senior, Annville Reformed Church, Annville, Ky.

Clay General Baptist Church, Clay, Ky.

Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Poole, Ky.

Adkins Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Ky.

Gray Hawk Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Ky.

Central United Brethren Church, Rohrsville, Md.

Hopedale Union Evangelical Church, Hopedale, Mass.

Whately Society, First Congregational Church, Whately, Mass.

Old South Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass.

Intermediate, First United Brethren Church, Adrian, Mich.

Seventh Day Baptist, Battle Creek, Mich.

United Brethren in Christ Church, Caldonia, Mich.

Armenian Congregational Church, Highland Park, Mich.

Hope Church Sunday school, Holland, Mich.

Junior, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Mich.

Junior, Forest Grove Church, Hudsonville, Mich.

Perry Memorial Reformed Church, Montague, Mich.

Young People's, Munson United Brethren Church, Morenci, Mich.

Adult, Grace Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, Mich.

First Reformed Church, Edgerton, Minn.

First Reformed Church, Hills, Minn.

West Chapter Dynamo Club, North Kansas City, Mo.

The Federated Sunday School, Mitchell, Neb.

Adult-Alumni Department, New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, Bloomfield, N. J.

Somerset County Union, South Bound Brook, N. J.

First Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerset, N. J.

Norton Hill Society, Durham, N. Y.

Hopewell Society, First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Hopewell, Hopewell Junction, N. Y.

Young Adult, High Point, N. C.

Zoar Congregational Church, Mott, N. D.

Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Canton, O.

Mt. Tabor Church of God, Celina, O.

Clough Evangelical United Brethren Church, Cincinnati, O.

Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, O.

Senior, West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, O.

Junior, Southern Hills Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, O.

Ye Olde Tymers Christian Endeavor of Montgomery County, Dayton, O.

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Theme for Area Conference:

Christ For The World --

The World For Christ

WITH the announcement of the Theme, "Christ for the World—the World for Christ," Dr. Daniel A. Poling has issued a Call for the Conference of Area I of the World's Christian Endeavor Union to be held at Karuizawa, Japan, July 30-August 2.

A similar conference for Area II is planned for Oslo, Norway, August 18-22.

Dr. Poling, who is the leader of the World Christian Endeavor movement, will be speaker at both of these meetings. Toyohiko Kagawa, well-known Christian leader in Japan, will be among those to address the meetings for Area I. It is expected that leaders from North and South America, Asia, and the Islands of the Pacific will attend.

Rev. Akira Ebisawa, secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union, has been making arrangements for the sessions and is directing the hospitality of the Japanese Endeavorers.



Temple in Japan

The International Society is conducting a tour which will leave Seattle, Washington, July 21. Members of this group, which will be directed by Harold E. Westerhoff, tour manager, will visit Alaska, arriving in Tokyo July 24. The Endeavorers and friends will travel the Pacific by means of stratocruiser. There will be visitation to places of interest in Japan before the conference and following the meetings, which will be held near Tokyo.

On the return trip the tourists will enjoy a stay in Hawaii, often called the "paradise of the Pacific." From there the party will go to Los Angeles where the tour will terminate August 8. This personally-conducted, all-expense tour totals \$1,425. Additional information concerning the tour may be secured by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart Writes

Topic Comments for "The World"

Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pastor of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania, is the new writer of comments on the Senior-Young People's Christian Endeavor topics for *The Christian Endeavor World*.

Rev. Earle W. Gates has been writing the comments for *The World* since January, 1952. He has asked to be relinquished from this work because of his heavy duties as president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and as pastor of the First Church of Evans, Derby, New York.

Mr. Steinhart steps into this journalistic role for *The Christian Endeavor World* with much experience. He has been a con-



Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

tributor to many religious publications. Recently he has been authoring articles for Christian Endeavor in *The United Evangelical*. The leaflet, *What Is a Life-Work Recruit?* published by International Society is a product of his pen.

Mr. Steinhart is a trustee and a member of the Junior Work Committee of the International Society. He has served as contributing editor to *Protestant Youth* and has been superintendent of the High School Department of Christian Endeavor of his conference. For two years Mr. Steinhart was executive secretary of Christian Endeavor for Maryland and the District of Columbia Union.

Besides his work in the field for Christian Endeavor, Mr. Steinhart has been a pastor of churches since 1925. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Milton University, and did special work at National Bible College.

Application
Christian Citizenship Convocation
WASHINGTON, D. C.—
JUNE 29-JULY 1, 1956

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. I enclose a \$5.00 payment which will apply on my \$25.00 convocation fee for Washington expenses (including meals and hotel accommodations—three or four to a room).

Name Age

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City State

Church C. E. Union

Room-mate preferences

To insure your place, mail application and \$5.00 by June 15, 1956, to:

Miss Olinda Dormaier,
Convocation Registrar
2604 Tunlaw Road, N.W., Apt. 2
Washington 7, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. at Work as A TEAM

SOMETHING vaguely left over from an early morning dream came more clearly to Lois Taber, as she pulled off her shower cap.

"A falling hairpin reminded her of a dream story half forgotten—a single wire whose ends never meet."

"She and her husband, Ernie, seemed to be walking almost without effort through a country of green hills and blossoming trees. Yet they did not walk together. Ernie seemed to be following a path or road that almost paralleled the young woman's course. They called back and forth, Ernie held up a flowering branch which had caught his eye. But the two roads did not come together. A tangle of low bushes held the man and woman in separate paths."

The paragraphs are from *Making Good As Young Couples* (Nall and Davis), one among a number of recent books in which both the satisfactions and the disappointments in married life are considered.

I shall not try to outline the factors that drew the two Tabers into separated lives, but it can be noted here that *religious interests and particularly joint activities for young couples in a church drew them closer together.*

Have we considered how many varieties of interests may separate and segmentize the lives of young married people today?

I think of Ann and Carl, living in the suburbs. Carl commutes, and he is away from home for eleven hours or more on a stretch. His close friends are men he meets in business hours. After living four years in the suburban community he is well acquainted with only a dozen of the neighbor families.

But Ann, who has met only a few of Carl's city friends, has her own life in her community: many hours of companionship with her children and their friends, social visits and shopping with other young married women, church calling, P.T.A. committee work, a crafts class at the neighborhood community house, and so forth.

Ann is all the more aware of the disunited interests—indeed, of the few hours in which the family comes together—because her parents lived in a small town and had so much in common.

"My father had a furniture store," Ann tells us. "It kept him pretty busy, especially in the Spring of the year and also around Christmas season. But Dad was almost always home for lunch at noon. If he drove into the neighborhood, to supervise the delivery of furniture or to set a price on trade-ins, or maybe to collect a bill, he would stop in to chat with Mother and perhaps drink a glass of milk. Not only did Mother always stop at the store when she was downtown shopping, but she sometimes helped with clerical work there in busy seasons."

"Their friends were all couples of the neighborhood or of the church or members of the large families from which both Mother and Dad came," Ann continues. "If Dad mentioned

something Walt had told him, everyone at home knew who Walt was. Mother knew Dad's business friends, even a number of the salesmen who called regularly. Dad knew Mother's friends, and in fact knew them longer, for many of them attended school when he did or grew up in the same church."

A chummy type of married life, this of Ann's parents—common today for many younger couples, but in sharp contrast to what hosts of other young married people experience.

THE church has been doing much to retain chumminess and also similarity of interests and experiences for its young couples.

The church school has improved on some patterns of the past which, for the time being, divided husband and wife. I refer to the couples' church school classes, which are common nowadays in many church programs. And to the probably increased number of social evenings, crafts programs, hobby clubs, musical groups, and other "uniting" features of church activities. To be sure, there are and should be some separate programs, like those of the women's federation and the men's club—while the daytime activities available to church women are out of reach of the employed husbands.

I would credit our churches, as a whole, with doing more than most other groups or agencies to present *united activities, joint opportunities for participation and service*, to husband and wife. In a period when so many

separate and individual interests are taking young people's time and attention, many a church succeeds in bringing Ann and Carl into close participation and co-operation through its Young Adult program.

In your Young Adult planning, why not keep this "uniting" purpose clearly in mind? For example:

FOR YOUNG ADULTS TO READ

The Family Lives Its Religion, by Regina H. Westcott. Harper, \$3.

When You Marry, by Evelyn M. DuVall and Reuben L. Hill. Association Press, \$3.75.

Making Good As Young Couples. International Society of Christian Endeavor, \$1.00.

1. Try to arrange for Mr. and Mrs. to work together on the same committee. In fact, in a young couples' club, the chairmanship of a committee may be jointly shared by young husband and young wife.

2. Emphasize the value of recruiting of couples by couples, in the interest of winning both man and woman to church membership and Young Adult group participation.

3. Arrange some family events, at which parents and children will be present, and with plenty of "mixing" activities for all.

4. Plan programs which deal with the community, its characteristics and its needs, and try to determine how some of the needs may be met through action by your own group or through co-operation among young couples of all the churches. This specialization is all the more necessary in suburban communities and in communities which have attracted many new families.

5. On some occasions, give Mr. and Mrs. the opportunity to tell how they plan and carry out family activities and some forms of democratic action ("group choices") within the home. Those who consent to lead such a discussion meeting need not feel disturbed; if they have not experienced complete satisfaction with their ventures in family living. It is helpful if those who take responsibility for such a program are still in the stage of asking questions instead of "knowing all the answers" about the attitudes, activities and accomplishments of Christian family life.



YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

By Bert H. Davis

The Workshop will be glad to have both questions and suggestions from individuals and groups in the Young Adult field, who are working out plans which aid husband and wife to have more interests together.



Diamond Jubilee

Quarter and Half Century Clubs



Proudly we present an honor listing of individuals who joined Christian Endeavor more than 25 years ago. This is the third roll to be published in connection with the 75th anniversary. Information has been furnished by the persons or by friends. More names will appear next month.

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Vocations That Enrich Life

Colossians 3:23, 24; I Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MAY 6

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing The Leader

1. Check a standard dictionary to determine the meaning of the word, "Vocation." Also check the word, "Enrich" and carefully examine its relationship in this topic.

2. Weigh these words prayerfully, "We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial; we should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

—Baily.

3. Consult your teacher in school or your pastor on this vital subject. Interview at least five people for their opinions. When ready to lead you will be well prepared to talk intelligently on this subject.

Biblical References

We are referred to the following Bible references—Colossians 3:23, 24; I Corinthians 12:1-11, 27-31. In the first portion the apostle Paul was speaking to slaves, who must have felt their condition to be irksome and degrading. However, Paul applies a principle which altogether transforms it. They are to feel and act as servants of Jesus Christ. This principle is of far reaching application. We are to serve Christ by discharging all the duties of life so as to please Him who hath called us into this high calling by His wonderful grace. It makes a difference, now and ever, whether you serve Him who has on His vesture and thigh written, "King of Kings" and whose service is perfect freedom; or him on whose vesture and thigh is written, "Slave of Slaves" and whose service is perfect slavery. We are encouraged to covet earnestly the best gifts that we might serve Him in love.

Boiling It Down

The first Sunday in May is designated as *Vocations Day*. It was Cicero who said, "To live is to think." I like what Charles Ferguson said, "Thinking is only a process of talking to oneself intelligently." This topic is to get each person to think seriously of his own vocation. What the future has in store for you depends largely on what you place in store for the future. The Chinese have a word for tomorrow—Ming-tien. It means "bright day." Truly, your tomorrow will be a bright day if today is used the right way.

If this topic finds you in school then you have all of life before you and you are preparing, not to make a living, but to make a life, not to build a tavern, but to build a temple, not to make a mess out of life, but to make it a masterpiece. You are preparing with the future in mind. St. Francis of Assisi, hoeing his garden, was asked what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he was to die at sunset that day. He said, "I would finish hoeing my garden." So you keep on preparing mind and heart until you are happy in your selected vocation, or calling. But if you are out of school and you are found in

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is it that about 95 per cent of the people never get "their wind," 4 per cent rise a little, but 1 per cent reach the top?

2. Do we have any assurance to expect that our path will be strewn with roses as we strive to find our soul satisfying vocation?

3. Debate the idea: Does a failure at a dozen things prove that you will succeed in the thirteenth?

4. What are some obstacles that could prevent one from realizing his dreams in a vocation that enriches all of life?

5. In what ways can Christian Endeavor help you in the selecting of your vocation?

some vocation then this topic should help you to wisely evaluate and joyfully discover more ways to render better service.

Professor William James, of Harvard fame, wrote many years ago before his death, "Vocational biographies will never be written in advance." Let's consider some real helps.

1. Go to a public library and ask for the shelf of books which have to do with vocational guidance. Do not be in a hurry. Read a half a dozen general books. Take a textbook look at several callings. Then seek out the one line in which you have a particular interest. Read carefully and strive to digest what you read so you will properly understand. This will give you a start.

2. Talk with successful workers in the field, or fields, you might choose. Thus you will discover the allurements of the task, the amount of preparation needed, the necessary preliminaries, the hard places in the path and the possible survival of that vocation, twenty-five years hence. Don't forget babies born in the United States have a life expectancy of seventy years. When you select your vocation it is not for a day, but for years of days.

3. Try to find out the number of people in the United States engaged in certain vocations. Ask yourself the following questions: a. Is it overcrowded? b. Does it promise a certain recompence? c. What happens to the worker when he passes the prime of life? d. Is there the promise of a pension for the worker after he has given the best years of his

Scripture Readings

- M., Apr. 30. A Yielded Preacher. Isaiah 6:5-10.
T., May 1. A Foreign Missionary. Jonah 3:1-10.
W., May 2. A Diligent Teacher. Acts 18:9-11.
T., May 3. A Beloved Physician. Colossians 4:14; II Timothy 4:11.
F., May 4. A Tender Nurse. Exodus 2:5-10.
S., May 5. A Purposeful Writer. John 20:30, 31.
Sun., May 6. Topic—*Vocations That Enrich Life.* Colossians 3:23, 24; I Cor. 12:1-11; 27-31.

life? e. Will there be time for recreation or will I be a slave? f. Is this the thing I feel within my heart and mind that the God of all grace would have me do? g. Is it the kind of vocation to which I can give my best thought and action? These are only a few of the many questions you ought to consider.

4. Try out one or more occupations. Life is too short to try out many things merely as an experiment toward a choice. But in a summer vocation you can try out some kind of work. Choosing one's life-work, like choosing a partner for life, is such a serious business that a young person may well be deliberate. If you are thinking in terms of certain professions it would be a great help to you to consult with those whom you strongly admire in these special callings. You must expect to do hard work if you hope for the enrichment of life. A satisfying spirit sweeps over a man when he knows he has done and has given his very best. Remember, there is always room at the top. In all your doing don't forget you serve the Lord Jesus Christ. You are different! Keep in mind, you are not your own, for you have been bought with a price and we are to walk worthy of our vocation.

The heights of great men, reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.

James Whitcomb Riley.

Backing The Project

1. Select four in your society to speak on their hopes and dreams for tomorrow.
2. Search for a Vocational Guidance teacher to help you at this meeting. Plan a round table conference with the society after the lesson is unfolded.
3. Consult your pastor to deal with his own calling, the preparation and all that enters into it.
4. Have several members of the society write on the blackboard what in their mind would be a good vocation.

Best Illustration

A job may make you fat,
A job may make you thinner;
The thing that counts is what it does
To make you saint or sinner!

—Integrity

"One of the great pleasures to be derived from wealth in any form is the delight inherent in choosing the program for one's life. The child who has toys that will amuse him in all kinds of weather is enjoying the luxuries of life. The man who selects the proper vocation in life has all the luxuries that life can provide." Lloyd E. Bauchman.

"The man who has planted a tree at 90 was a man of vision. We should plant creative ideas, words, dreams in the minds of others, that our lives may go on in them, bigger and finer than we ever dared to be." Wilfred A. Peterson.

"It is not the number of hours that a man puts into his work, but what the man puts in the hours that count." The A. M. News.

The Best Things In Life

No. 1 in a Series: "Basic Home Values"
Mark 10:17-22; Matthew 6:24; Psalm 46:10



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MAY 6

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

What Do You Love?

Edward Weeks, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* reminded himself of the best things in life thus:

"I love big family gatherings, and the banter, the candor, and the woman's sympathy (whether the mother's, the aunt's, or the older sister's) which bring children to self-confidence.

"I love American distance: the wild un-tapped areas you look down upon from the Smokies or the Shenandoahs, from the plane spanning Maine, or Utah, the Texas plains, or the conifer forests of the Northwest. As you look, you feel the immensity of a growing country.

"I love water, not only 'the benison of hot water,' as Rupert Brooke wrote; I mean water in brooks and salmon rivers, in the cresting surf of Barnegat, Monomoy, or Plum Island.

"Of trees I love the beech, the elm, and the oak—the beech for its leafy umbrageous shadow, the elm for grace, the oak for strength; in spring the dogwood, in October the swamp maple and sumac whose blaze lights up New England.

"I love dogs—the mad circles of infatuation a young dog will cut around you on a morning walk, and the paw and muzzle on knee at day's end.

"I love the Brahms Fourth, the Schubert 'Unfinished,' Tchaikovsky's Fifth, the César Franck—and if I had one long-playing record between me and final silence, the last movement of Beethoven's Ninth.

"I love quiet—so quiet that you do not look up from your book until the log in the open fire falls apart. So I love the Sabbath, as a time to clear the mind of worries and collect one's thoughts. Sunday is the great restorer; we need such respite."

If you were making a list of the best things in life what would you include?

Some of the Best Things

1. *Our Home.* Thank God for the blessings of a Christian home. A child's richest heritage is the possession of godly parents. Out from the Christian home comes that influence which is salt to the earth and light to the world. About the home cluster the immortal blessings of life.

Shall we not make our homes truly Christian? Shall we not share this blessing with others? Shall we not restore the grace of hospitality to our home?

2. *Friendship.* True friendship is the manifestation of the finest quality of love. God has made us so that we cannot get along without our friends. We are social creatures. We crave human friendship. The child was right when she said, "Mamma, I don't want my doll any more; I want you, for my dolly never loves back."

Since we desire friends, let us be friendly to others. Be true to your friend in the hour when he needs your friendship. Stand back of

OUR AIMS

1. To consider what keeps us from living at our best.
2. To see that "the best things in life are free."
3. To develop a code of action to preserve and utilize these benefits.

QUESTIONS

1. If one should definitely undertake to realize all the noblest traits of a worthwhile life, what effect would it have upon his career?
2. Why is a purposeless life a failure?
3. "What lack I yet?"
4. What is your ideal of a worthwhile life?
5. When is a man justified in risking his life for his cause?
6. How can we find Christ's aid to make life worthwhile?

him when everybody is going back on him. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

3. *Citizenship in a Democracy.* National blessings have been bequeathed to all of us. Our fathers fought for our liberty, yea, they laid down their lives for our freedom. They hewed our rocks, cleared our forests, and dried up our swamps. They framed our laws and made our flag. We are the recipients of all the treasures of the past.

For all these national blessings we have neither striven or paid a price. They have come down to us as a part of our citizenship. Shall we not pass these gifts on to the coming generations? Many of the nations are less favored than we and would it not be Christ-like for us to share some of our blessings with them?

4. *Knowledge.* The universe is God's university for man. We are here as scholars learning our lessons for eternity. In this university we have five volumes placed in our hands for study and perusal: (1) The Book of Reason; (2) The Book of Nature; (3) The Book of Experience; (4) The Book of Conscience; (5) The Book of Scripture. The man who is well versed in the knowledge of these five great volumes is an educated man.

However, this knowledge must be shared with others. The one way in which we learned

From God's Book

- M., Apr. 30. Kindly Dispositions. Romans 12:9, 10.
T., May 1. Gracious Attitudes. Matthew 5:39-45.
W., May 2. Godly Virtue. II Peter 1:5-9.
T., May 3. Daily Worship. Acts 2:42; 46, 47.
F., May 4. Self Denial. Luke 14:31-33.
S., May 5. Thoughtful Concern. Galatians 6:1-5.
Sun., May 6. Topic—The Best Things in Life. Mark 10:17-22; Matthew 6:24; Psalm 46:10.

was the impartation of knowledge to us by others. Shall we not try to make our contribution to the knowledge of the world?

5. *Fellowship with Christ.* Have you experienced the thrill of Christ's companionship? It is true that the Lord of glory desires to walk with you. Wonder of wonders, He desires our fellowship. He wants to live His risen life through His blood-bought ones. He wants to bless the world by means of our lives. He wants to publish the Gospel through our lips. What else matters but Christ? That He is yours and you are His? The world and all its pride grows very dim when one fastens his eyes upon the Son of the Living God. May God help us to do just that.

The Best Things Are Free

Sometimes we have a tendency to envy those who have an abundance of life's luxuries and comforts. We generally say that the person who has everything money can buy is unusually fortunate. But we do not need for a moment to feel sorry for ourselves and wish for the things he has. Even though we may have little money, we do not have to feel underprivileged, for the best things in life are all free. In fact, the best things in life cannot be purchased anywhere for any price. That means that all of us can have the best things if we want them.

No money is required for one to possess a good disposition, a smooth temperament, a clear conscience, a sense of personal approval, and an inward peace of mind through Christ. We cannot purchase friendship, courtesy, kindness, divine favor, spiritual blessings, and happiness. These all come without down payments or monetary considerations. Since all of the above values can be realized without financial transactions, we are in a position to receive life's richest possessions without money and without price. With such a wealth of assets we should make a go of this business of living.

We Must Pay for Best Things

The finest things that life has to offer must come to us prepaid. Even though no dollars may be required for certain enjoyments, yet the price which is demanded must be paid before any dividend is declared. To have a successful career, we must pay the price of long years of study and preparation before we receive our first pay check. A happy marriage is paid for before you ever meet the other party who exchanges vows with you. You must dedicate yourself to certain ideals and lofty principles long before you appear at the marriage altar if you want that which follows to be all that it should be.

Every high moment in life operates on this general principle, namely, the best things must be paid for before you can properly enjoy them. So you can make a go of this business of living if you are willing to pay the price for that which you desire most. Every worthwhile achievement costs something. Let us be willing to pay the price necessary.



Friendly Family

Proverbs 18:24; Ephesians 6:1-4; I Kings 17:14-16

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MAY 13

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing The Leader

1. Write down your own ideas on the home as a social center. There is nothing finer than to do some thinking of your own.

2. To enable you to make thorough preparation make two contacts: (1) Contact some one from a broken home, a home where parents are not living together, and try to understand the problem. Seek what information you can that will enable you to be of help to others while dealing with this subject. (2.) Visit a family you consider to be a happy family and try to discover the secret of their happiness as a family. Try to discover what they do to make their family a Friendly Family.

3. You must keep before you one specific objective, how can I help others to make their family a friendly family. Suggestions will go a long way.

4. It might be possible to have your family assist you in the leading of this meeting.

Biblical References

Our attention is directed to the Word of God found in Proverbs 18:24, also Ephesians 6:1-4 and I Kings 17:14, 15. A careful searching of these Scriptural references will help you to prepare more intelligently. Solomon was a wise man. See what he has to say about friends in Proverbs 18:24. Here we discover what we must do that we may contract and cultivate friendship. We must show ourselves friendly. Would we have friends and keep them? We must not only not affront them, or quarrel with them, but we must love them and do all the good we can and serve them in every way that lies in our power. There is a great deal of comfort in a true friend. Apply this to the friendly family.

Don't overlook Ephesians 6:1-4. Here you have the great duty of children and the duty of parents. In the friendly family the God-given power must not be abused. The children in the home are indeed a part of the family and therefore ought to be governed with great tenderness and love. Parents, when you caution them, when you counsel them, when you reprove them, do it in such a manner as not to provoke them to wrath.

Many times in the preparation of the topic we fail to properly consider the Biblical references. You will have missed much if you fail to touch on the experience of the Widow of Zarephath found in I Kings 17:14-16. Note the conditions in the home. Observe her friendliness and willingness towards God's prophet. See what you can uncover here to indicate that this must have been a friendly family.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Consider reasons why the home in many localities is no longer the social center.
2. Is it true that in the majority of homes the mother must bear the responsibility of religious training?
3. Name the evil influences that can mar the friendly family if they are not resisted.
4. Do we really miss something when there is no friendly relations and family cooperation?
5. Name the elements that make up a friendly family?

Boiling It Down

Christian Home Sunday is the reason for this topic. The second Sunday in May is also universally recognized as *Mother's Day*. With many broken homes all around us, homes where there is strife, bitterness and unhappiness, it is good to consider the things that make for a Friendly Family.

A child was asked, "Where is your home?" He replied, "Where mother is." There is an oft quoted Spanish Proverb that is rich in meaning. "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." It was Henry Ward Beecher who said, "The mother's heart is the child's school room."

Study the life of Elizabeth and Zacharias found in Luke 1:1-80. Here you will discover that mutual righteousness is the ideal relation in all walks of life. If there is to be a friendly family there must exist mutual righteousness. Zacharias and Elizabeth were united in the great essentials of life. They loved God and loved each other. They went together to the place of worship. The friendly family walks together in the fear of God. Think of what they gave to the world. Out from that union came John the Baptist whom Jesus considered a great prophet. Mutual righteousness is the ideal relation in every contact of life.

The friendly family plays together. Family life can be friendly and fun. We should never get too busy for each other. The family picnic

Scripture Readings

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| M., May 7. | Godly Parents. | Deuteronomy 6:4-7. |
| T., May 8. | Obedient Children. | Proverbs 1:7-9. |
| W., May 9. | A Saved Family. | Acts 16:27-34. |
| T., May 10. | A Consecrated Family. | Psalm 127:1-5. |
| F., May 11. | A Worshipping Family. | Psalm 122:1-4. |
| S., May 12. | A Happy Family. | Psalm 128:1-4. |
| Sun., May 13. | Topic—Friendly Family. | Proverbs 18:24; Ephesians 6:1-4; I Kings 17:14-16. |

should not be eliminated. There is profit in family vacations and in the family stroll along the creek banks trying to identify birds and their songs; roasting wieners under a sheltered cleft among the rocks while a thunderstorm is developing; hearing, seeing, feeling and smelling the rain and afterwards noting the beautiful array of colors in the bow of God's promise arched across the heavens.

The friendly family worships together. Nothing carries more force in the community than the family pew. No greater thrill than to see families march off to Christian Endeavor and then stay for church. The home built upon firm Christian principles is a fortress against evil. A godless home is built upon a sandy foundation. It will never hold up, especially in the storms of life. The family is the first great training school in behavior or misbehavior. The friendly family has not forgotten the family altar. If we return to the faith of our fathers we shall reap again the harvest of God's blessing.

Backing The Project

1. Plan for a special family night in the membership of your society. Make it an evening of good fellowship, strong program, and real inspiration. Don't forget to close with the fellowship circle.

2. Put forth some effort to have the largest family in the church present on this night and present a book with a strong Christian message to that family.

3. Secure some helpful literature on the Family Altar—consult pastor—and distribute to the families of your church.

4. Perhaps you could arrange to place the full evening program in the hands of a friendly family within your church.

Best Illustrations

"He may have on a greasy hat, and the seat of his pants may be shiny or patched, but if his children have their noses flattened against the window pane a half hour before he is due home for the evening meal, he can be trusted."

North Carolina Churchman.

"Some families make swimming, tennis, music, literature, yes, even the church, a part of the family life. They all go into it together. Other fathers and mothers go to the edge of the pool, sit in chairs, and say, 'Go On!' Is it any wonder that so many children fail to realize the wonder and the beauty of great music and great literature and great faith? Too many of us are sitting at the edge of the pool saying, 'Go On!' Too few of us are in the pool saying, 'Come On!'"

Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe

"A friend is a jewel that shines brightest in the darkness of misfortune."

It is difficult for a family to live without some kind of faith.

A Family Fun Forum

No. 2 in a Series: "Basic Home Values"
Isaiah 9:6, 7; Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 13



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MAY 13

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Make the Meeting Home-y

Much has been said, written and discussed about amusements and recreation outside the home. A topic on good times at home is timely. Many things can be done within the realm of the family.

Planning the Meeting. Make it an "Evening at Home" meeting. It may be held in some home, or in the social room of the church; or the regular meeting room may be arranged as much like a family living room as possible. *Talk:* Why Have Fun in the Home? This talk should be prepared by a member using material which he has gleaned from reading or from his or her own experience. Here are some suggestions which will be helpful: Fun at home makes members more satisfied with home and more ready to spend time in the home. It makes members of the home better acquainted with each other. It develops originality and initiative, and discovers talent in members of the family.

To Stimulate Thinking

Put this question on slips of paper and hand to each member to answer, "What do you do in your home for family and individual recreation?" The various ways suggested should be listed on the blackboard and then members should copy them or have someone to mimeograph them so that each member will have them for future use in the home. Some possible forms are here listed: Reading and discussing the things read; games suited to older or younger members, or to all members; home orchestras and choral work; story telling; home movies, including the taking, developing, and showing of the pictures; home projects in building, decorating, gardening, and the like; candy-pulls, wiener roasts and hamburg fries; discussion of live topics; handwork of various kinds.

Things To Do

Read Together

There ought to be time spent in family reading together. By that, we mean more than each member reading things to his own liking. Rather, let the family gather together to read aloud to each other the great stories that have been a source of inspiration and joy for many years. One family, for example, spends an evening a week reading the famous fairy tales. Said one member: "We wait for Tuesday evening to roll around because we have so much fun in these old tales. They amuse us and oftentimes teach us lessons we never learn anywhere else, not even in church."

But we need not stop at fairy tales. Read all the great stories together and they will enrich your minds and become a source of joy to all of you. Another form of this graphic recreation is the study of great pictures. They can be bought cheaply or borrowed from the library with suitable commentaries for the creative amusement of interested art lovers.

OUR AIMS

1. To have parents and Intermediates share ideas and fellowship.
2. To discuss what parents and children can mutually do to have joyous home living.
3. To consider creative activities that develop family morale.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why would some young people rather find their fun elsewhere than at home?
2. What are some of the difficulties in arranging good times for the family?
3. To what extent should young people feel responsible for arranging for enjoyable events at home?
4. What are some games a whole family might enjoy?
5. What annual events provide occasions for family fun?
6. How do the fun activities of children sometimes limit or prevent leisure time activities for parents?
7. What game equipment would you suggest for the average family?
8. How much does money enter into the provision of fun for a family?
9. Where members of a family differ widely in their interests how can they be brought together in enjoyable experiences?
10. What far-reaching results can we expect from good times in the home?

Creative Games

There is a gold mine in making games of skill and using them. They are too numerous to mention. Get the *Handbook for Recreation Leaders*, publication 231 at 20 cents from the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. for help here.

Larry and Helen Eisenberg's book called *The Family Fun Book* is one of the best in this field. (Association Press. \$2.95.)

Music

Gathering around the piano, the organ, the record player for singing is great sport. Everybody likes to sing. Sing not only the old secular songs, sing the old hymns, but let someone

Bible Portions

- M., May 7. Singing Together. Colossians 3:16.
T., May 8. Working Together. Psalm 128:1, 2.
W., May 9. Praying Together. Matthew 18:19, 20.
T., May 10. Reading Together. II Timothy 1:5; 3:15.
F., May 11. Living Together. Psalm 128:3-6.
S., May 12. Keeping Together. Matthew 19:5, 6.
Sun., May 13. Topic—A Family Fun Forum. (Christian Family Day) Isaiah 9:6, 7; Matthew 7:12; I Corinthians 13.

investigate the story of their creation, tell it, letting it make its impressions. You will be enriched. What other forms of recreation can you add? Why not make a long list and use it judiciously at home for fun in the family?

Present a Skit

Ask four or five persons to arrange a little skit depicting an unhappy home on a Sunday. You may arrange this in three episodes, one giving the conversation at the breakfast table, another at the dinner table, and the third at the evening meal. Have a definite unhappy family in mind and with the group arrange the conversation you imagine would transpire in that home. By way of contrast present the same episodes in a happy home. Another group may be used for this second skit.

From the presentations given ask the group to list the things which they think make these homes happy and unhappy. Play up the desirable and undesirable elements in the presentation. With the group seated around the table for its meal, manuscripts may be used eliminating the necessity of learning from memory.

Some Games

Fruit Jar Rubbers. Take a board and drive in nails several inches apart. Number each nail with point value. Toss fruit jar rubbers at the nails, aiming for higher points.

Corks. Have a cork-tossing contest—try to pitch them into a pan, muffin tin, wastebasket, and count to see who gets the most in.

Acting Out Jokes. Clip jokes out of *Reader's Digest*, farm magazines, or other publications, and act them out. This is good for a family and for a larger group as well.

Clap-out Rhythm. You can play this one in groups or as individuals. The idea is the same—to clap out the rhythm of a song and let the others guess what the song is.

Round Table Sentence Builder. One person starts, and each person around the circle to the left adds a word until the sentence is finished. There is no penalty for finishing a sentence, but the next person on the left starts a new sentence with a new word.

For Worship

Gather the parents and Intermediates in a circle or about the fireplace. Let the service be informal but deeply meaningful. First sing ballads that all love and remember. Then go into hymn singing, using familiar choruses and the great old hymns of the church.

Ask a mother to tell of "One thing that I remember from my parental home which has stayed with me through life." A father may present his thought on the same subject. Then ask an Intermediate boy and girl to each tell "One thing in my home which means a great deal to me." These ideas may be discussed by the group and plans made to carry these ideas into all the homes of those present.

Ask the counselor or pastor to conclude the evening with the presentation of practical ideas on making our homes more the center of family living.



The Gospel and Indian Americans

No. 1 in a Series: "We Support Missions"
John 4:39; Acts 1:8

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MAY 20

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing The Leader

1. To make this an interesting topic do some research work in your community library on the Indian Americans.

2. Try to locate some one in your community who would have first hand information on the Indian reservations. Secure from that person facts of interest and human interest stories. All of this would add up to an interesting discussion.

3. If your denomination has no missionary work among the Indian Americans, call on the several pastors in your town whose denomination may be so represented. These ministers of the Gospel will be happy to be helpful.

4. Try to read up by checking on these books: "Indian Americans," Alice Maloney. "Here Comes The Navaho" by Ruth Underhill, published by U. S. Indian Service, 1953. Check an Encyclopedia for additional information.

5. The Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ has published fine literature on Indian Americans. The material may be secured from your denominational book store.

Biblical References

The Topics Committee suggests two references from the Word of God. We call attention to the first—John 4:39. Here you see the great value of a true witness for Jesus Christ. Our topic has to do with the Gospel and the Indian Americans. This means someone must tell the story. When you carefully read John 4 you can well see how great a matter a little fire kindles. Our blessed Lord by instructing one poor woman spread instruction to a whole town. This woman could say little of Christ, but what she did say she said with feeling. See how good it is to speak experimentally of Christ and the things of God. To break through the superstition of the Indian American the message must come from the heart of one who knows beyond the shadow of a doubt that Jesus Christ is an Excellent Redeemer. The missionary who tells must know first hand that Jesus Christ is his Saviour. A large number owe their conversion to the personal and practical testimony of others. Observe, this woman's testimony was personal and that was the secret of her power. We have a story to tell. We are under obligation before God and man to tell that story. Your society can do something about getting out the message of life.

The second reference is found in Acts 1:8. At first sight this promise seems to be Christ's response to a universal craving. There is nothing that so awakens man's ambition as power. Note the power with which Christ promises to endow His disciples. It is not physical power. Samson had that when he carried on his back the gates of Gaza. It is not the power of logic. Mere argument cannot

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can you suggest why the Gospel of Jesus Christ is sufficient to break down all Indian superstitions?

2. What missionary work is being done among the Indian Americans?

3. What could we as a society do to help bring the gospel to the Indian Americans?

4. What are some of the beliefs of the Indian Americans regarding the future life?

convert souls. It is not the power of eloquence. It is possible to talk a man away from Christ. We need something more than words. It is spiritual power. It is the power of the Holy Spirit. The light of the sun may fail, the waters of the ocean may dry up, but the riches of Christ's fulness are the same yesterday, today, and forever. And we need this promise of power as much as the apostles did.

Boiling It Down

Missions are to be stressed in this series. The first is on the Home Mission theme of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. The second topic has to do with mission work that can be done in the community or elsewhere as a summer project. Our topic for consideration is *The Gospel and Indian Americans*.

Now the Indian American becomes a part of our thinking. We think of him in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must see these people as individuals for whom Christ died. Every Indian American is a part of the world-wide responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ.

What are the American Indians like? All have reddish or cinnamon color skin, high cheek bones, black eyes, and straight black hair which the women wear. The men shave all of their heads except one lock called a "scalp lock," to which they sometimes tie feathers. Few have any beard at all, though some men have a few hairs which were often pulled out by the roots. In all other ways different tribes are much alike. Some are tall and slender, while others were short. Some are trustworthy, others are deceitful; some have learned a good deal, farming, building and making tools, others seemed little wiser than beasts.

The religion of these Indians is curious. They worship their dead ancestors, the sun, the

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winds and the lightning. Since the lightning in the sky looked something like a snake, especially a moving snake, they respect the snake, and many tribes will not kill one. Some of them believe in a Great Spirit. They think that every man, every hill, tree, lake, and animal also have a spirit. Some of these are good and some are bad.

A man was sick because an evil spirit had entered his body. In every tribe are medicine men who are supposed to have power over the bad spirits. All Indian tribes take pride and have much faith in their Medicine Men. Some of them use herbs, while others say they have secret powers that heal when they perform a ceremony. There are those who try to scare out the disease and sickness by singing weird chants, beating their tom-toms, rubbing ashes on the sick one or by wearing hideous false faces. Then there are those who gather bark off different trees, along with a variety of leaves and bushes, and different roots. In preparing this, they dry it, then grind it into a powder and make a tea to drink. With these herbs they have a remedy for almost any sickness.

The Indian American stands in need of God's remedy. He has sinned and come short of the glory of God. He need never fear that God's remedy for sin is not powerful enough to bring about a complete cure. God's remedy will do them no good unless they take it. It is one thing to know you are sin sick, it is another thing to take the remedy. All of us need the remedy for all have sinned.

Backing The Project

1. Prepare an exhibit of Indian craft materials, such as: pottery, basketry, blankets, shawls, rugs, jewelry.

2. Devote more time to research and study of Indian life and lore, present day needs, legislation affecting Indian welfare, life among the Indians on various reservations.

3. Make inquiry concerning missionaries among the Indian Americans, write them for some word on their work to be reported at this meeting.

Best Illustrations

"Religion should be the motor of life, the central heating plant of personality, the faith that gives joy to activity, hope to struggle, dignity to humility, zest to living." William Lyon Phelps.

"If a man has any religion he must either give it away—or give it up." Bishop Whately.

Two American pilots forced down on a Pacific Island during the last war were surprised to discover a neat, clean village where many of the people spoke English. The native showed them their beautiful Gothic chapel, and behind it a crude jumble of stones and mud. They explained that the latter was their first church, and added, "As we became better Christians, we became better builders." Walter L. Moore, *Christian Herald*.

"Christianity without the cross is nothing." James Thompson, *The Great Argument*.

The Gospel and Indian Americans

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John 4:39-42; Acts 1:8



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MAY 20

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

n Preparation

1. In preparing and presenting the topic you need basic home mission study books: "The Birdsong Boys," by Irving Crump, \$1.25; "The Turquoise Horse," by Eleanor Hull, \$1.25; "How to Use The Birdsong Boys" and "The Turquoise Horse," by Barbara North, \$0.50.

Additional information may be obtained from these sources:

The Division of Home Missions, National Council of Churches, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.; Cook Christian Training School, 4025 N. Second St., Phoenix, Arizona; Bureau of Indian Affairs in your area or their Visual Aids Service, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas.

A number of magazines featuring the southwest may be obtained from libraries or newsstands. Two are *New Mexico Magazine* and *Arizona Highways*.

Books on Indian life and culture may be obtained from almost any public or school library.

Two excellent audio-visual aids are recommended for use:

Strangers in Their Own Land. Filmstrip in full color—75 frames.

Song of the Shining Mountain, 29-minute color motion picture.

Facts About Indians

Today we can find American Indians living in every state of the union. Indians have extensive property holdings in 27 states and control over 52,000,000 acres of land. Unfortunately, much of this land provides little opportunity for earning a living. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, divides the Indians of the United States into seven groups based upon a cultural and geographic location. These groups, the states in which they are located and the names of typical tribes within the group are listed below:

Group	Representative Tribes	States
Northern fishermen	Chinook	Wash., Ore.
Seed gatherers	Paiute	Calif., Nev., Utah
Desert dwellers	Pima & Apache	Ariz., New Mexico
Navaho shepherds	Navaho & Hopi	Arizona
Pueblo farmers	Tewa & Jemez	New Mexico
Plain hunters	Siouxs & Ute	Ida., Mont., Dakotas, Wyo., Colo., Nbr., Kan., Okla., Texas.
East woodsmen	Iroquois & Chippewa	From above states east.

Most of the Indian reservations are west of the Mississippi and a large percentage of the Indian population is found in the states of Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico.

What Are Indians Like?

Basically the Indian boy or girl wants what every other American young person desires—a home and family, adequate housing with modern facilities, a satisfactory job, a car, at-

OUR AIMS

1. To learn more about "Indian Americans."
2. To join in the home missions education emphasis of this year.
3. To aid workers bringing the gospel to Indian Americans.

tractive clothes, good food, good health, social pleasures, friends.

As any racial group they have certain common characteristics such as their straight black hair, dark eyes, skin color which ranges from olive to copper, a sparseness of facial and body hair among the men, and others. Members of different tribes differ greatly in appearance—the Navaho, tall and slender; the Hopi, short and rather stocky, etc. The Indian profile seen on our nickel is typical of only one group of Indians. Facial features differ markedly among the tribes.

Many of the southwestern tribes still maintain their distinctive hair styles and costumes. The Mescalero Apache women of New Mexico wear a 12-inch-wide heavy leather girdle-belt, studded with silver (often money); Apache men wear high-crowned flat-topped, wide-brimmed hats—a typical tribal costume. Navaho women still dress in their brightly colored velvet "squaw" blouses, tiered satin or cotton print "squaw" skirts and heavy silver and turquoise jewelry.

Carrying the Gospel to Indians

For over 300 years Christian missionaries have carried Christ's message to the Indians of America. It is hard to measure the effect their efforts have had on these natives of our country, but we know that the development of Christian Indian Americans has been slow and seemingly unrewarding in many areas.

Several denominations are reaching our Indian brothers through medical service. We often refer to Christ as "The Great Physician" and our Christian missionaries are following in His footsteps. Unfortunately, many of the Indian people use this medical service only as a last resort. They have taken the precaution to have the medicine man "sing" before they go to the hospital. Often the older natives are not concerned with a diagnosis of an illness. To them the illness is due to crossing the trail of a lizard or coyote, or lightning which has struck a nearby home, or a "spell" which has been placed on the sick person by a witch. The constant hope of medical missionaries is that in some way Christ's loving concern

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will be made known to these Indian brothers through their medical care, and through the Christian approach to this service.

Indian boys and girls are receiving their education not only through government and public schools but through church operated institutions of learning.

Group Participation

1. Serve an "Indian Meal" preceding your service. Some foods which may be used are fresh-water fish, wild meats such as rabbit, duck, venison—or a similar type of domestic meat, hominy, sweet potatoes, corn, pumpkin, tea, a fruit sauce. Wooden or earthenware dishes may be used.

2. A group of Indian games may be played, such as:

Ball-Race: Equipment—a football for each player. Each person kicks the ball ahead of them until player and ball both cross the goal line. Touching ball with hands disqualifies player.

Kick-the-Stick: Equipment—crooked stick about 12 inches long. Two teams line up in relay formation. First player on each team kicks stick to goal line and back to next player on team. Stick must be kicked along ground, not in air. First team to have runners complete course, wins.

Papago: Equipment—four cups, small object such as bean or marble, sand. Players divide into two teams. One player takes four cups, hides marble or bean in one, then fills all with sand and gives all 4 to opponent. Opponent hands back cups one at a time. If first one handed back contains marble, player who filled cup scores 10 points. If marble is in second cup he scores 6 points; third cup counts 4 points and fourth cup counts nothing. Teams alternate at hiding marbles until 50 points are earned by one team (See *Games of All Nations* by E. O. Harbin for other games.)

3. A blackboard chart may be made, with the help of members of the group, showing (a) a list of factors which have caused the Indians to leave the reservation; (b) a list of changes which are taking place in Indian life.

4. Reports on articles concerning Indian Americans which the members have read in books, magazines or newspapers may be given.

5. An explanation of the Indian crafts and food products on display may be presented by those individuals who provided them.

6. A question and answer period may be devoted to facts concerning Indian Americans in which the youth have expressed an interest either in questions submitted or factual material obtained.

Story:

Heroine in Buckskin, the story of Sacajawea, found in *The Reader's Digest*, February, 1944. Review the relations of Indians to the Plymouth Colony, including the pact with Massasoit, aid given by Indians to starving settlers, the first Thanksgiving, etc.



Summer Projects

No. 2 in a Series: "We Support Missions"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

MAY 2

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing The Leader

1. Check the word "project" in a standard dictionary — a plan — a scheme — an undertaking, an enterprise."

2. Before you interview any one on this subject write down five possible projects that your society should do this summer in the interest of missions.

3. Consult your missionary society superintendent of the church in regard to the home missionary program. Be sure you know what your own church is doing in this area.

4. Consult your denominational camp directors for suggestions on summer projects as carried on in church camps.

5. Interview at least five people for their personal suggestions having a definite bearing on the topic.

Biblical References

The Topics Committee directs our attention to the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. One reading will make clear a strong point—we live in a world of changes. It appears that the writer of the book is weary with the ceaseless and orderly change from one thing to its opposite, which he observes all around him. Do something more than read over these verses. Try to get under them with some clear, solid thinking. A clogged mind is no good for clear thinking.

Since you are alive, you are under compulsion to do something with your life. A person with a clear mind does not go on living aimlessly. He lives purposefully. So, leader, society member, society officers, there is a time and a season to every purpose under the heaven. Time is the gift of God, a boon of inestimable value. What pity it should be abused or trifled with! There is a time for everything under the sun. Perhaps this is the best time for your society to take inventory. Why not? Could you mention five good reasons why your society should exist? Summer is around the corner, so this is the time to get busy and put new effort into the plans for specific summer projects.

Boiling It Down

This is topic number two under the heading, "We Support Missions." The first, which was last Sunday, dealt with the Home Mission theme of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, *The Gospel and Indian Americans*. Our topic now under discussion has to do with mission work that can be done in the community or elsewhere as a summer project.

Before the Lord Jesus Christ went to be with the Father, He commanded His disciples to bear the glad tidings of redemption to the uttermost parts of the earth. And this command has never been nullified.

The message of universal sin and its remedy in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Are we guilty of labelling some people in our community as "undesirables" and thereby never present to them the message of salvation?

2. How shall we proceed to reach the unchurched in our community and present them with promotional material concerning our church and her message?

3. How can we as a society be of invaluable service to our denominational home missionaries?

4. What projects could we undertake in cooperation with the missionary societies of our church to advance the cause of Christ in our community?

5. How much compassion fills our hearts as we see the pressing need in our community and the strong indifference on the part of the people?

justifying resurrection tolerates no rivalry. Ethnic religion (having to do with the various races of people and the characteristics and customs they have in common) are the upreach of the heart of man after God. Christianity is the downreach of the Infinite God to finite man. No mere religion can ever be a substitute for faith in Jesus Christ the exalted Redeemer. Apart from the work of Jesus Christ on Calvary, all men, regardless of their clime, environment, character or culture, are lost. Christianity without the cross is nothing.

We must believe that men everywhere, in our church and community, stand in desperate need of the Gospel. Self satisfied complacency at home has often stifled missionary effort. If you don't catch the vision and see yourself that the missionary challenge is imperative, you will never tell the story enthusiastically. It's this vision that puts the "Go" into your feet, and the "Come" into your voice. The missionary movement is something more than a humanitarian effort. It is Spirit inspired, Spirit organized, Spirit directed, and Spirit motivated. Far from retreating, or standing still, the Church of Jesus Christ, the Christian Endeavor society to which you belong, is called upon to advance with high courage and standards streaming. Arise, followers of Christ, gird up the loins of your consecration and generosity. And never forget, the Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Lord, who commanded is the One

Bible Meditations

- M., May 21. Worshipping In Nature. Psalm 8.
T., May 22. A Galilean Service. Luke 5:1-3.
W., May 23. A Summer Bible Conference. Nehemiah 8:1-6.
T., May 24. A Seven Day Campmeeting. Nehemiah 8:14-18.
F., May 25. A Street Meeting. Acts 17:16, 17, 22.
S., May 26. House To House Visiting. Luke 9:1-6.
Sun., May 27. Topic—Summer Projects. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

who will soon come to receive you unto Himself, and with you all those who through the ministry of your missionary zeal have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord.

After a prayerful study of the foregoing your society should be alerted to consider some summer projects. Here are a few worth of your conscientious planning.

1. Select two or three underprivileged young people who attend your Sunday school and send them to your denominational summer camp with all expenses paid.

2. Distribute dime collectors to at least fifty people including all the wage earners in Christian Endeavor and use this money when collected to do something definite for the children of your community with the possibility of winning them for Christ and the Church.

3. Begin now to fill a box to be used as a Christmas wish for "56" for the Home missionaries sponsored by your denomination or local church.

4. Select a committee to consider ways and means of reaching your unchurched in the community with the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

5. Set up a program to reach your own delinquents.

The program of the church has always centered around her obligation to witness, not only in Jerusalem, but unto the uttermost part of the earth. Your community is a part of that plan. Your society can do something about it.

Backing The Project

1. Arrange to have a two day Missionary Conference on a community basis in order to create a solid front for missions.

2. Consult your choir director and pastor to make arrangements with one of your church summer camps to put on a half hour program in music and song.

3. Form a story-tellers club which will gather the children of your community, especially those who do not attend church or Sunday school. Present to them great missionary stories, in film, record and voice. Many of these can be dramatized.

4. Develop a clerical fund which will employ such help that will relieve your pastor of much detail work so he can devote adequate time to pastoral and other duties of his calling.

5. Set aside a certain night to sponsor visitation teams to visit the delinquent members of your church and Christian Endeavor societies.

Best Illustration

"Christianity is one product that is multiplied by division. The more we export the more we have left. The more we clutch what we have the smaller and the weaker it becomes. It lives by dying, grows by being scattered, multiplies by being divided. Let us listen and pray, listen and give, listen and work, listen and go." —The Presbyterian.

Our Summer Project

No. 2 in a Series: "We Support Missions"
I Corinthians 15:57, 58; Luke 6:47-49



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

MAY 27

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Are There Still Frontiers?

The old pioneers forsook the comfortable security of their former homes, blazed new trails through unknown territory, had to protect themselves from attacks by hostile Indians and wild animals, had to constantly keep working—building sturdy cabins, fishing and hunting, planting crops, putting up supplies—so they wouldn't perish of starvation or exposure and their venture prove in vain.

The frontier as such was closed in the latter part of the 19th century. There is today no more uncultivated land worth the taking. Even in the days before World War I our fathers and mothers agreed that, though they had their troubles, this was a land of unlimited opportunity. In those days depression could be cured by marching into the new lands of the west and building new railroads or more and bigger cities. All one had to do to get ahead was to follow the favorite American motto: "Be up and coming. Work hard and you'll get ahead. Every boy can be President."

Today we are likely to feel this is not to be our way. We are even ready to settle into complacency, feeling that there are no frontiers to challenge us to action. We forget that pioneers must take risks.

There are still chances to be taken today if we hope to have a nation in which the people enjoy the best conditions possible. There are new frontiers to cross and new ways of living to explore.

The new frontiers are not uncleared land that has never been occupied—as was the case in the time of our grandfathers. They are frontiers in ways of living and of earning that living and in spreading opportunities for happy, satisfactory lives to as many people as possible.

We must look at our institutions (government, church, schools, and so on) to see what about them is good and should be kept, and what is bad and should be changed if all are to benefit—thus offering us new frontiers of service. As we look at these institutions, we must be careful not to let any prejudices we already hold tell us what to think about them.

Let's Face Some Questions Pointedly:

1. What new frontiers should we seek in government?
2. What new frontiers should we seek in our schools?
3. What new frontiers should we seek in the church?
4. What new frontiers should we seek in understanding other races?
5. What other frontiers are waiting for someone to pioneer upon them? What about prison reform? Child labor? Liquor control? The union of labor groups? The relation between producer and consumer?
6. How could we help the church do some pioneering here at home?

OUR AIMS

1. To have our Christian Endeavor gain a wider missionary outlook.
2. To select a project for the summer's endeavors.
3. To utilize the time and talent of members wisely.

Jesus Was a Pioneer

Jesus is often called *The Pioneer of Life*. This is because He was not content with old ideas that made life cramped and narrow. He urged people to follow new paths of living that were hard, but that led to greater happiness for everyone.

Pioneering This Summer

Divide those present into several buzz groups. Ask each to consider:

One Project we would like to see our Christian Endeavor undertake this summer.

After 10 or 15 minutes' discussion, choose one for your entire group. Here are suggestions:

- (1) Recruit new members with the goal of 10 per cent increase in membership.
- (2) Give a drama on stewardship.
- (3) Each member strive to win one person to Christ.
- (4) Visit shut-ins and provide musical or other entertainment for the same, especially at holidays.
- (5) Volunteer to work in a nursery during worship service, thus allowing parents to worship without disturbance.
- (6) Visit interesting places: parks, mountains, the sea, the woods; newspaper plants, factories, churches, libraries, universities, orphanages, missions; art centers, museums and historic places.
- (7) Schedule some novel programs each year, such as swap night, hobby shows, pet shows, broadcasts.
- (8) Build a program around good recordings of religious music.
- (9) Survey the possibilities of an outdoor chapel in or near your community, on the church property, or the property of a member of your group.
- (10) Encourage the singing of the Christian steward's pledge giving emphasis to tithing.
- (11) Work with the pastor in the evangelistic program of the church.
- (12) Each Christian Endeavor member volunteering one hour of service a week to help the pastor.

Daily Readings

- M., May 21. Worshipping In Nature. Psalm 8.
T., May 22. A Galilean Service. Luke 5:1-3.
W., May 23. A Summer Bible Conference. Nehemiah 8:1-6.
T., May 24. A Seven Day Campmeeting. Nehemiah 8:14-18.
F., May 25. A Street Meeting. Acts 17:16, 17, 22.
S., May 26. House To House Visiting. Luke 9:1-6.
Sun., May 27. Topic—Our Summer Project. I Corinthians 15:57, 58; Luke 6:47-49.

(13) At outdoor picnics of Christian Endeavor develop effective closing services.

(14) Plan brief worship periods for social events of the Christian Endeavor.

(15) Hold parties on special themes, periodically.

(16) Hold informal "after service" fellowship hours.

(17) Secure or make recreational equipment for the church.

(18) Hold co-op and progressive dinners.

(19) Hold exchange parties with neighboring churches.

(20) Give at least one good play each year.

(21) Get one new recreational book each year for the Christian Endeavor library.

(22) Distribute a devotional guide quarterly to each Christian Endeavor member for personal devotions.

(23) Develop sub-committees on publicity and dramatics to enlist interest in worship.

(24) Present several films of an inspirational nature such as *Youth for the Kingdom* and Cathedral films.

(25) Purchase and place church highway markers.

(26) Keep a current list of young people who are absent from the community—students, men and women in the services, nurses, youth who work away from home, etc. Keep these folk in touch with your activities by regular letters, parish papers, bulletins, greetings, and gifts.

(27) Survey the possibilities of a youth lounge in your church. Plan a place of meeting that young people may call their very own.

(28) Organize Cheer Corps. Each church has a number of older folks or sick persons who are confined to their homes. Christian Endeavorers could take it upon themselves, under their pastor's supervision, to deliver Sunday school literature and bulletins to them with a few words of friendly concern.

(29) Organize the Second Mile Club. Jesus asks each of His followers to do more than is expected. Christian Endeavorers might form an informal group dedicated to doing more than is expected, to showing love instead of jealousy and anger, kindness in place of unkindness. Opportunities to do more than is expected of us occur every day. Each time we show ourselves to be *second-milers* we bear a positive witness for our Lord and our church and thus really show that God is love.

Add to this list of projects as your members may bring forth new ideas. The secret of a successful Christian Endeavor is to have a project continuously. Thus you may want to have not one, but several, projects going on throughout the summer. As one project comes into fulfillment embark on another. What interests one Christian Endeavorer may not interest another. But sometime through the year you are bound to discover a project that will interest every one. That will enliven their interest all the more in your society.

Let's keep our members' interest whetted by putting everybody to work.

Honor Societies

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Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, O.
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Wren Circuit Society, Willshire, O.
High School, Grace Community Congregational Church, Jennings Lodge, Ore.
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Keystone League Society, Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pa.
Lehigh County Union, Allentown, Pa.
First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pa.
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Pa.
Church of Christ, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Eberly's Mill Church of God, Camp Hill, Pa.
Carlisle Springs Society, Lutheran and Reformed Churches, Carlisle, Pa.
Plainfield Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pa.
Waggoner Evangelical United Brethren Church, Carlisle, Pa.
Senior, Central Methodist Church, Connellsville, Pa.
Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dallastown, Pa.
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Devon, Pa.
Senior-Young People's, Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Emmaus, Pa.
East Greene Presbyterian Church, Erie, Pa.
Mercer County Christian Endeavor Union, Fredonia, Pa.
Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Uriah, Pa.
Young Adult, Zion's Evangelical Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa.
St. Paul's (Dub's) Church, Hanover, Pa.
St. David's Union Church, Hanover, Pa.
Youth Fellowship, Colonial Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
Junior, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Hummelstown, Pa.
St. John's Lutheran Church, Hummelstown, Pa.
Northeast District Christian Endeavor Union, Kingston, Pa.
Six Societies, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pa.
Senior, Schwenkfelder Church, Lansdale, Pa.
Senior, Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church, Lehighton, Pa.
High School, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pa.
Junior, St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church, Manchester, Pa.
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pa.
Teen-Age, Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Mohnton, Pa.
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Nanticoke, Pa.
York County High School Union, New Freedom, Pa.
Intermediate, Indian Head Church of God, Normalville, Pa.
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Adult, Fifth Moravian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

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May 13. In Our Times. Proverbs 31:10-31.
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Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Pa.
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Great Expectations

by Amy Deck Faust

Charles Dickens chose *Great Expectations* as a title for one of his books, but he was not the first to use this phrase. St. Paul wrote, centuries before, "according to my earnest expectations." When Paul wrote these words he was in prison. One might suppose his earnest expectation to mean freedom. But this was not so. His earnest expectation was that Christ might be preached!

The preaching of the Word seems to many people a form of foolishness, yet it has been a means of salvation. Let us remember, however, that for centuries the *spoken word* had little competition. There was little writing and no printing except the art forms on monuments. There were dramas, but little commercial entertainment except for wandering singers and magicians.

Appeals To Visual and Imagination

Before long, people found out the power of the appeal to the eye, or better, the appeal to the ear, reinforced by the eye. Jesus and Paul used frequent appeals to visual and imagination. Teachers later used objects, stained glass windows, embroidered symbols, pictures, and vestments. Later, the stage and the marionette shows (named marionette after "little Mary's" of nativity scenes) carried spiritual messages. Then came great disillusionment!

In the hands of the thoughtless and unscrupulous, the theater became corrupted. Religious people, instead of seeking to purify the medium, abandoned it. The theater, magic, and puppet plays fell into great disrepute. Under the purging influence of the Puritan Reformation much of music, art, ritual, and audio-visual beauty fell away. There is no denying the good work and good intent of the Puritans. One can only deplore the smashing of great windows and organs, and the ruining of many great paintings.

For some time, especially in America, "great expectation" lay on the clergy. It cannot be denied that they carried and discharged grave responsibilities. But it is also true that many areas of human life were unreached by the preaching of the Word only. Revival music and the great hymns of the church came to be an accompaniment of preaching. Much of the success of Moody, Billy Sunday, and other preachers lay in choirs and the growing musical interest.

But the world was still changing. Printing called to the mind with books and papers. Soon music and drama was supplemented with many stage plays and motion picture film. Even printing began to rely on the eyes for

more than the alphabet. *Look, Life*, and other magazines hit the newsstands. All manner of color, sound, large-screen projection clamored for motion picture consumption. Radio and TV joined in the appeal to the public. No wonder the simple preaching of the Word had competition.

Today our "great expectation" is that Christ will be preached, but the preaching is not in word only. There must be the "great expectation" that *many different ways* will be used to reach *many different people*. Music, art, speech, and all the varying forms of each must be used to fulfill the true "great expectation."

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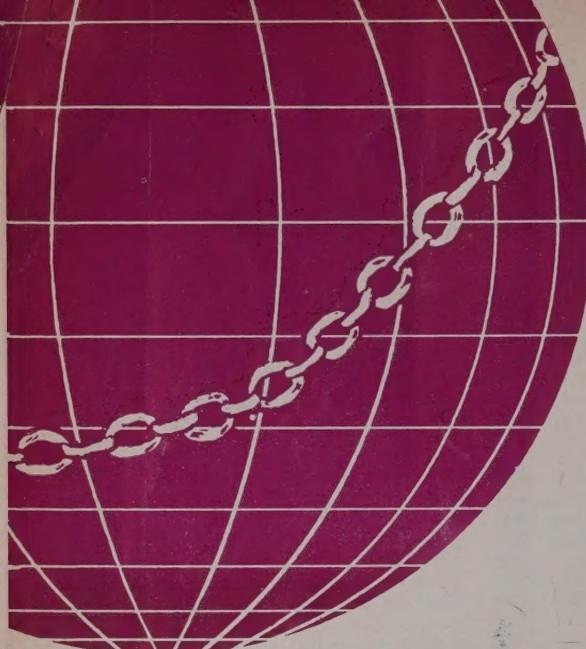
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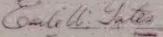
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